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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Sir, some of the Board's Standing Orders refer to the disposal of lands when an irrigation project is under execution or contemplation. May I know whether in the Tinnevelly district there are any projects of such character, that is, either under execution or investigation? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell :—" It is possible that the Board's Standing Orders may apply to the Papanasam Scheme, but I cannot answer the question without notice."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Barring lands under that scheme, may I know whether there are lands available for assignment under darkhast rules? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell :—" I believe there are."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Under cowle rules also? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell :—" Under the Board's Standing Orders."

Railways

Facilities to the Tanjore Mirasidars for the exportation of rice.

* 491 *Q.*—Mr. K. S. Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased—

(*a*) (i) to lay on the table all petitions addressed to the Government by the Tanjore district mirasidars for providing better export facilities for their rice to other countries and to Ceylon in particular and for a reduction in the South Indian Railway Company's freight thereon;

(ii) to state whether the Government accepted the resolution moved by Mr. K. Chidambaranatha Mudaliyar of Shiyali and by the late Sir Ahmed Tambi Marakkayar of Negapatam, urging on the Government for opening all the Tanjore district minor ports like Tirumullavasal, Nagore, Point Calimere, Adirampatnam, etc., to facilitate Tanjore district rice export at cheaper steamer-boat transhipment charges; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) (ii) be in the affirmative, what action the Government have taken thereon?

A.—(*a*) (i) The question of providing better export facilities for the Tanjore district rice to other countries including Ceylon, and for reducing the railway freight thereon was referred to in a printed memorial, of which considerable numbers in identical terms were received on different dates, and in resolutions passed on various occasions by a number of associations in the Tanjore district. Relevant extracts[a] of the printed petition and of the resolutions are appended.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 379–380 infra.

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(ii) The reference apparently is to the resolution moved in the Council on 30th March 1915 by Mr. K. Chidambaranatha Mudaliyar and seconded by the late Sir A. T. G. M. Ahmed Tambi Marakkayar recommending that a special officer be deputed to inquire into the causes of the decline in the number of minor ports in this Presidency and in the trade in many of them and to suggest measures for improving their number and developing their trade. The resolution was finally withdrawn with the permission of the President and the question of Government's acceptance of the resolution did not arise.

(b) The question does not arise.

Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM :—" May I know whether Government have realized the urgent necessity for providing transport facilities for the removal of paddy in the Tanjore district; and if so, will they consider the possibility of the opening up of some of those ports? "

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES :—" That is also under consideration. We have appointed a special officer to go into the whole question and his report is now under the consideration of Government."

Education

Restoration of stipends for pupil-teachers in elementary and secondary training schools.

* 492 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to restore the cut in the stipends of pupil-teachers in elementary training schools in 1932–33;

(b) whether any representation has been received from pupil-teachers in secondary training schools for the restoration of stipends from next year; and

(c) if so, what the Government propose to do in the matter?

A.—(a) No.

(b) No representation has been received by Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know why Government do not propose to restore the cut? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" These cuts have been made as a permanent measure and not as a temporary one."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Was it done because Government thought the fall in prices would be a permanent one? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" No, Sir, on the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee who went carefully into the matter."